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COMMENT: *Ambassador Korry report that if something is to happen to stop the Allende Presidency, it will occur this weekend or never.

1. SUGGEST YOU TAKE REF PARA 1 WITH GRAIN OF SALT. AGREE, HOWEVER, TIME FACTOR IMPORTANT LEST ALLENDE RECEIVE EARLY WARNING.

2. CONSIDER REF SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE AMB CLEARLY PERCEIVES THAT BALL IN FREI'S CORNER (REF PARA 10).

3. BELIEVE THAT, AT THIS JUNCTURE, MESSAGE FROM TO AMBASSADOR COULD BE HELPFUL, REQUESTING HIS VIEWS AS TO: A. AT WHAT POINT FREI'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IN CHILE WOULD BECOME HINDRANCE AND

B. ^{WHAT} ~~WHAT~~ CONTINGENCY PLANNING SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY WASHINGTON TO BRING TO BEAR PRESSURES ON FREI TO QUIT CHILE AND CREATE POWER VACUUM WHICH ARMED FORCES MIGHT FEEL IMPELLED TO FILL

4. AS YOU WILL GATHER FROM SANTIAGO AND FREI IN EFFECT DID NOT BUY GENERAL VALENZUELA'S SCENARIO WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AF WITH ENTIRELY CONSTITUTIONAL

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PRETEXT TO MOVE. AS WE INTERPRET FREI'S REMARKS, FREI PREFERS AND EXPECTS OUTRIGHT GOLPE. SUPPOSING GENERAL SCHNEIDER (WHO, ACCORDING TO VALENZUELA, SUFFERS FROM "PARANOIA CONSTITUCIONALISTA") DECLINES TO ACCOMMODATE FREI? IN THAT CASE ONLY VALENZUELA'S PLAN (SEE SANTIAGO) STANDS ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS. HENCE, FREI WILL HAVE TO BE FORCED OFF HIS NEUTRAL PERCH.

5. RATHER THAN HAVING STATION RAISE WITH AMB ISSUE OF FREI'S CONTINUED UTILITY (WHICH OBVIOUSLY ENTAILS LOSS OF FACE BY AMBASSADOR WHO OVER YEARS HAS TOUTED FREI AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST), APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS OUGHT BE ASKED PROMPTLY BY USING REF AS PET.

6. ASSUMING ALL CONCERNED (CHILEANS AND AMERICANS ALIKE) REACH CONVICTION THAT ONLY VALENZUELA PLAN STANDS CHANCE OF SUCCESS, WHAT EXTERNAL PRESSURES COULD BE MUSTERED TO CONVINCE FREI THAT POWER VACUUM NEED BE CREATED?

7. FOLL IS TENTATIVE INVENTORY OF PRESSURE POINTS:

A. UNITED STATES. HIGH LEVEL EMISSARY, E.G.

RICHARDSON (STATE) WHO DURING RECENT VISIT MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON FREI AND AMB.

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8. X. BEAR IN MIND THAT FREI HAS ASPIRATION TO PLAY SOME
FUTURE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISMS. IF HE CHOOSES TO
DISREGARD COUNSEL TENDERED BY MEN OF [REDACTED] STATURE
FREI'S CHANCES TO PLAY SUCH ROLE WOULD APPEAR DIM.

9. X. ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON ASSUMPTION THAT
NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS. [REDACTED] HOPE TO OBTAIN FURTHER
READINGS ON DEGREE OF AF WILLINGNESS TO PRECIPITATE
CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS. PENDING RECEIPT OF SUCH INFO, MUST
ASSUME THAT VALENZUELA SCENARIO, REQUIRING FREI'S ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION, IS BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR. [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] FOLLOWUP TO AMBASSADOR'S
ORIGINAL MESSAGE TO FREI [REDACTED] TELLING FREI THAT
VALENZUELA PLAN IN ITS ENTIRETY BACKED BY U.S.G., MAY NOW BE
INDICATED.

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10. FOLL IS EXCERPT FROM MESSAGE SENT BY

TO COS SANTIAGO: "IT IS PROBABLY

REDUNDANT AT THIS STAGE TO STATE THAT IF A MILITARY SOLUTION
ON THE ORDER OF THE ONE OUTLINED IN YOUR REFERENCE COULD BE
BROUGHT ABOUT SOMEHOW, IT WOULD BE THE BREAK WE ALL HAVE
BEEN GROPING FOR AND DESERVES OUR ENCOURAGEMENT END OF QUOTE.

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